

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0018] as follows:

[0018] It is preferable that the line portions 4 formed in the wall face 3 of the groove 2 has an inclined angle α of 10 to 60 degrees with respect to the groove longitudinal direction (*i.e.*, the tire circumferential direction T) as shown in FIG. 3 so that water having flowed into the groove 2 forms vortices to easily flow. When this inclined angle α is out of the above range, the effect of creating a vortex flow is insufficient. It is obvious that the inclined direction of the grooves 2 is not particularly limited.